

Cage Tourney Starts Thursday; Bryan Meets Jefferson Friday

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF
AUSTIN (P) — Eight former champions, headed by Buna, the winningest team of them all, will be in the field when the forty-second Texas Schoolboy Basketball Tournament opens Thursday. Eight Class B teams, including two-time champion Huntington, set the big tournament on the way. Huntington, favored to win the title in a division that does not have a defending champion,

draws Kyle in the opening round. Other pairings have Roxton playing Hawley, Quitaque clashing with Aspermont and Snook meeting Santa Rosa.

The glamor boys of the tournament—Classes AAAA and AAA—start play Friday. Houston Jeff Davis, champion in the forties, is one of the favored teams in AAAA but isn't rated as highly as Thomas Jefferson of Dallas, a school with a 30-2 record and two teams of almost equal ability used in platoons.

South San Antonio will defend its title in Class AAA but is an underdog to mighty Clear Creek, a team that has been trying for years and getting nearer each time. Clear Creek was runnerup last season.

Class B plays from 8:45 a.m. until 3:10 p.m. Thursday, when the four Class A teams take over. James Bowie seeks to repeat as champion.

At night, Class AA, with Buna, a five-time champion attempting to make it two in a row, hits the

maples. Buna has had two of the longest winning streaks in Texas schoolboy basketball history. One of them ran 66 straight games. The string was 43 last year when Buna won the state title without losing a game. Buna never has lost one in state tournament play.

Former champions in the field are Jeff Davis in AAAA, Waxahachie and South San Antonio in AAA, Buna in both AA and A and Huntington in B.

Eleven all-state players will pass in review. Jeff Davis has the only one in AAAA—Darrell Hardy. In AAA there are two—Bill Hughes of Waxahachie and Bill Doty of Clear Creek. Buna contributes the only one in Class AA, James Simmons.

Class A has three, Donald Kruse and Milton Minter of James Bowie and Carl McAdams of White Deer.

Class B comes up with four, Harold Jones of Huntington, John Ray Godfrey of Aspermont, Jimmy Sellars of Hawley and Sammy Johnston of Quitaque.

Pairing for the first round with team records:

Class B, Thursday: 8:45 a.m.—Roxton (37-4) vs. Hawley (34-5); 10:10 a.m.—Quitaque (33-2) vs.

Aspermont (30-1); Huntington (32-10) vs. Kyle (26-7); 1:45 p.m.—Snook (32-4) vs. Santa Rosa (24-3).

Class A, Thursday: 3:10 p.m.—White Deer (21-4) vs. West Sabine (29-11); 4:35 p.m.—James Bowie (23-3) vs. Woodsboro (26-3).

Class AA, Thursday: 7:30 p.m.—Fort Stockton (31-1) vs. Jacksboro (26-3); 8:50 p.m.—Buna (37-2) vs. Donna (28-4).

Class AAA, Friday: 3:10 p.m.—Clear Creek (33-4) vs. Dumas (21-9); 4:35 p.m.—Waxahachie (27-2) vs. South San Antonio (29-5).

Class AAAA, Friday: 7 p.m.—Dallas Jefferson (30-2) vs. Bryan (27-4); 8:20 p.m.—Houston Jeff Davis (32-4) vs. Lubbock Monterey (29-4).

Consolation play is scheduled Friday morning in Class B and Class A, Friday afternoon in Class AA, Saturday morning in AAA and AAAA.

Championship games will be as follows: Class B—1:05 p.m. Saturday; Class A—2:25 p.m. Saturday; Class AAAA—3:45 p.m. Saturday; Class AA—7:35 p.m. Saturday; Class AAA—8:55 p.m. Saturday.

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42nd Annual State Tourney Slated For This Weekend

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One of Texas schoolboy sports biggest shows comes off this weekend at Austin where the forty-second state basketball tournament will be held.

For three days and nights they'll be looping that ball through the hoop with scores as high as the collegians. The record is 92 points for one team, 165 for two.

It's a far cry from the first years of the Interscholastic League's tournaments. Back in the early twenties one team—Kenedy—was held to only two points. In 1925 Beaumont won the state championship with 14 points. San Antonio, the opponent, got only two.

In the first years of the tournament the boys from the "forks of the creek" triumphed more times than those from the city. Little towns like Cushing and Carey won championships. Those were the days when only six boys were needed because there was no helter-skelter running. The guards were just that—they stayed down under the basket and kept the other side from scoring. The center stayed out in the middle of the court. The forwards did what little scoring there was.

Running Guard Revolutionary

It was revolutionary when the running guard came into high school basketball—that is, the guard left the basket guarding to his mate and went down the court trying to score. It was not uncommon for one team to beat another 6-5 or 8-7. A 20-point output was considered a wild offensive.

For 21 years there was only one division. The little towns and rural communities played against the cities and did all right. But there came a time when it was obvious that manpower and the privilege of playing on an indoor court were making the thing unequal. So three classes were created. This grew to five of the present day.

Winners of the most state cham-

pionships are Athens and Buna. Each has taken five. But Athens' triumphs were back in the days when the towns could compete with the cities.

There will be more than 40,000 paid admissions for the tournament. Once there were no crowds

at all until the teams from the top classes played. Then the crowd's size depended upon whether or not high school was in the tournament. That's all changed. The crowds that watch the Class B boys play are as large as those that saw the championship games 30 years ago.

Volleyball, Rifle And Wrestling, Now In Full Swing

Intramural volleyball, wrestling and rifle competition are now underway. Four matches were played in volleyball and 19 wrestling matches were fought.

In Class A and C volleyball B-3 defeated A-2 by two games to none, 5-1 beat F-3 by the same score, D-1 edged A-3 two games to one and Leggett Hall defeated Milner Hall, two games to none.

The Pan Americans won an easy one over Law Hall by forfeit.

Class A and C wrestling results:

157-pound division:
Cook, Sqd. 14, over Chaney, C-1; Martin, B-2, over Kane, Sqd. 9; Perry, G-1, over Collins, A-2; Dougherty, Milner Hall, over Dover, G-1; Acklen, A-2, over Carill, F-3.

Finks, A-2, over Harris, D-3; Crutchfield, Maroon Band, over Beamer, G-2; and Ashley, F-3, over Davis, Milner Hall.

Gibson, Sqd. 12, over Dworaczyk, Sqd. 14; and May, Milner Hall, over Wiggins, D-3.

Class B, heavyweight:

Murray, A-3, over Vandiver, Sqd. 6; Friedrich, Sqd. 6, over Clements, E-2.

177-pound class:

Dougherty, B-2, over Rubac, F-3; Schmidt, D-2, over Lewis, Sqd. 15; Henry, Sqd. 5, over Whitaker, C-2; Hegeman, E-1, over Andrews, F-1.

Boring, C-1, over Paulson, E-1; Alverson, Sqd. 9, over Riker, B-2; and Johnson, D-1, over Smith, A-2.

Foreign Students Now Number 232

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — (Spl) — Enrolled at Texas A&M College for the current spring semester are 232 foreign students representing 41 countries.

Of the foreign countries represented, Mexico leads the list with 42 students enrolled, followed by Pakistan, 28; India, 16; and Panama, 10.

Others include Korea, nine; Columbia, eight; Bolivia and U.A.R., seven each; Argentina, China, Ecuador, El Salvador, Iran and Peru, six each; Canada, Honduras, Japan, United Kingdom and Venezuela, five each; Ceylon, Guatemala, Jordan, Philippines, four each; Cuba, three.

Afghanistan, Costa Rica, England, Germany, Iraq, Netherlands, Portugal and Spain have two each. Brazil, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Nicaragua, and Thailand are represented with one student each.

St. Louis' Pettit 'Only Bright Spot'

ST. LOUIS (P)—Bob Pettit, who scored 15,000 points faster than anyone in National Basketball Association history, was described Wednesday by his coach as an "all-all-all-time great."

Coach Fuzzy Levane said the 6-9 Pettit "does everything the way a player should."

Pettit has "been the only bright spot this year," the coach of the fourth-place St. Louis Hawks said. Pettit hit the 15,000 mark in eight seasons. He sank 10 more points before the Hawks lost to the Philadelphia Warriors 147-137 Tuesday night.

The only NBA players ahead of him are Dolph Schayes, Syracuse, 18,488 points in 14 seasons; Paul Arizin of Philadelphia, 16,147 in

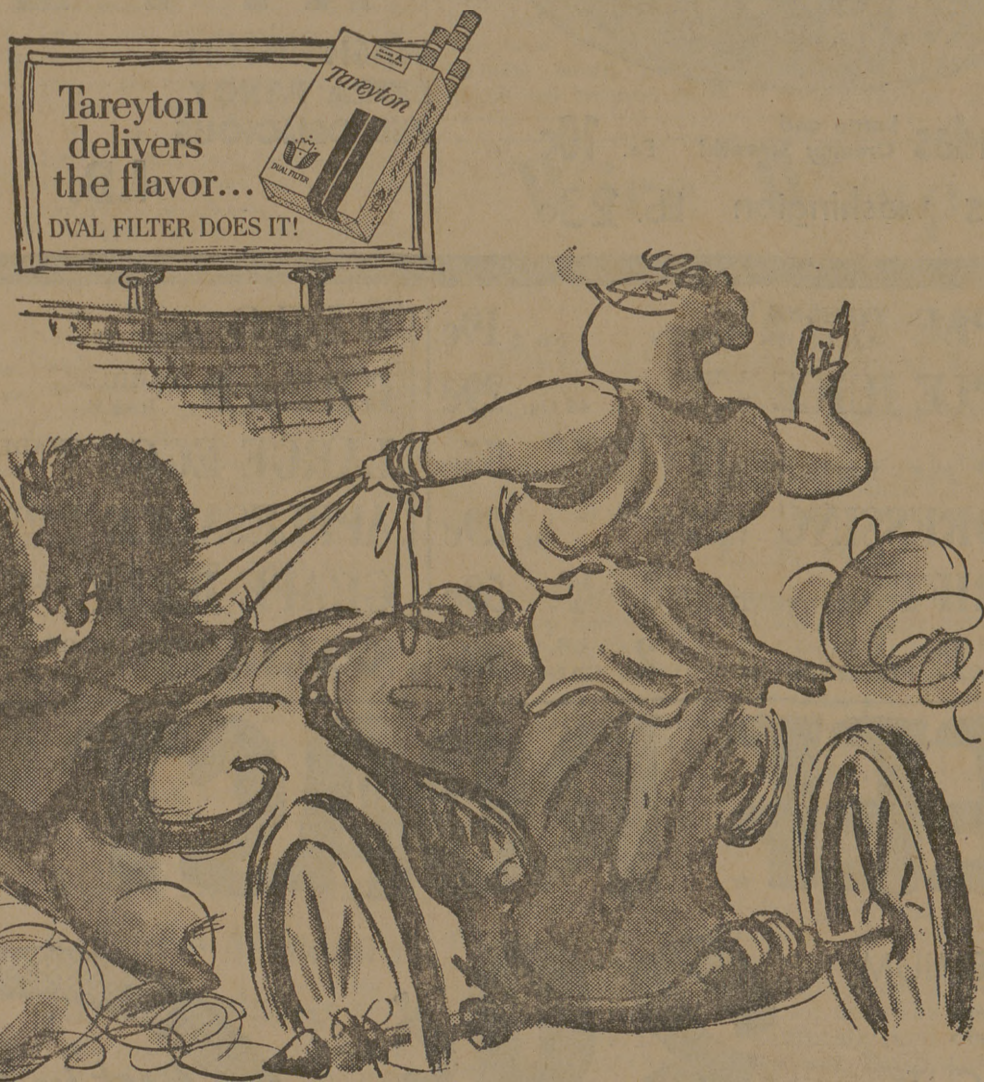
13 seasons, and Boston's Bob Cousy, 15,850 in 12 seasons.

The All-America from Louisiana State will be honored Friday at "Bob Pettit Night."

This has been Pettit's finest year but he says "I don't feel that I've been any better than any other year. But maybe if we were winning I'd feel different."

"When the team's going good, you don't notice the fatigue that's bound to catch up with you at this stage of the schedule," Pettit said after Tuesday night's loss—the 47th against 24 victories.

Because of the Hawks' slump, Pettit has been playing more minutes this season than in any previous year.



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